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Hemostasis System

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of these documents accompany this statement.


Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in a Supplementary European Search Report issued July 1, 2008, during the prosecution of European Application No. EP 00 96 6874, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the European Search Report and each document cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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